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SUBJECT: CIRCULATION OF LEBANESE AMBASSADOR'S LETTER TO SECURITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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1. ITALIAN CHARGE CAVAGLIERI CALLED ON AMBASSADOR BENNETT JULY 6 TO REVIEW SEQUENCE OF EVENTS SURROUNDING LEBANESE AMB. GHORRA'S REQUEST TO HAVE CIRCULATED HIS LETTER TO PRESIDENT OF SC AMB. VINCI (USUN 2724). ONLY DEVELOPMENTS IN ADDITION TO THOSE REPORTED IN REFERENCED CABLE ARE TWO LETTERS FROM LEBANESE PRIME MINISTER KARAME TO SC PRESIDENT VINCI (ITALY) AND A LEGAL OPINION FROM THE UN LEGAL COUNSEL. THE KARAME LETTERS (SEPTEL) STATE THAT CHAMOUN'S APPOINTMENT AS VICE PRESIDENT AND MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND HIS DECISIONS IN THESE CAPACITIES ARE NULL AND VOID. LETTERS ALSO DECLARE THAT COMMUNICATIONS TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL FROM LEBANESE AMB. GHORRA SHOULD BE DISREGARDED UNLESS APPROVED BY KARAME HIMSELF. THE OPINION OF THE LEGAL COUNSEL HAS
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NOT BEEN RECEIVED AS YET BY THE MISSION, BUT WE HAVE LEARNED

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THAT ESSENTIALLY IT SUGGESTS THE SC SHOULD DETERMINE IF THERE
IS A CONTROVERSY.

2. AMB. BENNETT EMPHASIZED THAT A PRACTICE OF THIRTY YEARS
OF CIRCULATING DOCUMENTS AS REQUESTED BY MEMBER-STATES ESTABLI-
SHES A PRECEDENT IN WHICH THE U.S. SETS GREAT STORE. WHEN
CAVAGLIERI REMARKED THAT THIS WAS NOT A "RIGHT" OF MEMBER
STATES, BENNETT COUNTERED THAT A PRACTICE OF SUCH LONG DURATION
DID INDEED TAKE ON ASPECTS OF A "RIGHT", AND THAT THERE WAS
FUNDAMENTAL ISSUE INVOLVED OF NOT ESTABLISHING A PRECEDENT
WHEREBY A SC MEMBER COULD CHALLENGE ANY MEMBER STATE'S
REQUEST THAT HIS GOVERNMENT'S LETTERS OR DOCUMENTS BE
CIRCULATED AS SC DOCUMENTS. CAVAGLIERI EXPLAINED THE PROBLEM
OF RECEIVING COMMUNICATIONS FROM TWO FACTIONS OF THE LEBANESE
GOVERNMENT, TO WHICH AMB. BENNETT REPLIED THAT THIS DILEMMA
WHICH THE ITALIANS NOW CONFRONTED UNDERSCORES THE IMPORTANCE
OF ADHERING TO ESTABLISHED PROCEDURES AND THUS AVOIDING
INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF A NATION, IN THIS INSTANCE LEBANON.

3. IN A FURTHER DEVELOPMENT AMB. GHORRA MET WITH SC PRESIDENT
VINCI IN LATE AFTERNOON TO DISCUSS AT LENGTH THIS PROBLEM.
WE ARE SEEKING OUTCOME OF THIS MEETING AND WILL REPORT IT
IN LATER MESSAGE. ACCORDING TO LEBANESE MISSION GHORRA ALSO
DISCUSSED MATTER WITH UNDER SECRETARY GUYER WHO SAID SECRETARIAT
WAS IN QUANDRY AS HOW TO HANDLE KARAME'S LETTERS.
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